

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 22 - 24, and further amend the claims as indicated below.

1. (currently amended) A method for data cleansing, comprising:

receiving an input postal address and a ~~unique business identifier~~ DUNS number;

comparing said input postal address to a standard;

providing a single best postal address derived from said input postal address, based on said comparison; and

matching said ~~unique business identifier~~ DUNS number and said single best postal address to a

database having ~~unique business identifiers~~ DUNS numbers associated with postal

addresses, to find a matching postal address in said database; and

~~correcting for correction of~~ said input postal address based on said matching postal address.

2. (canceled)

3. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said database is an advanced office system (AOS).

4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

providing a match project analysis report.

5. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

converting said input postal address to a predetermined record layout, before comparing said input postal address to said standard.

6. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

associating said input postal address with a code, said code being used to determine said single best postal address.

7. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

associating said input postal address with a score, said score being used to determine said single best postal address.

8. (previously presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said standard is selected from the group consisting of: ZIP+4 coding, coding accuracy support system (CASS), Locatable Address Conversion System (LACS), delivery sequence file (DSF), and National Change of Address (NCOA).

9 - 10. (canceled)

11. (currently amended) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
sending a status notification to a user who supplied said input postal address.

12. (currently amended) A computer implemented system for data cleansing, comprising:
a pre-auditor ~~for generating that generates~~ a report having a plurality of views of an input address file, said input address file including a record having an input postal address and ~~a unique business identifier DUNS number~~;
a verifier ~~for finding that finds~~ and removing any invalid records from said input address file;
a vendor interface ~~for sending that sends~~ said input address file and an order to a vendor, and ~~for receiving receives~~ a file of standardized postal addresses from said vendor;
a component ~~for comparing that compares~~ said input postal address to said standardized postal addresses;
a component ~~for providing that provides~~ a single best postal address derived from said input postal address, based on said comparison; ~~and~~
a matcher ~~for matching that matches~~ said ~~unique business identifier DUNS number~~ and said single best postal address to a database having ~~unique business identifiers DUNS numbers~~ associated with postal addresses, to find a matching postal address ~~in said database; and~~
a component ~~for correction of that corrects~~ said input postal address ~~based on said matching postal address~~.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, further comprising:
~~an investigator for investigating that investigates~~ any address not matched, upon request.

15 – 17. (canceled)

18. (previously presented) The system according to claim 12, wherein said plurality of views includes a view selected from the group consisting of: alphabetical, most frequent content, and alpha characters only.

19. (currently amended) The system according to claim 12, wherein said vendor standardizes postal addresses using at a process selected from the group consisting of: Locatable Address Conversion System (LACS), delivery sequence file (DSF), and National Change of Address (NCOA).

20. (currently amended) A machine readable medium having instructions stored thereon to perform a method for data cleansing, comprising:

receiving an input postal address and a ~~unique business identifier~~ DUNS number;

comparing said input postal address to a standard; ~~and~~

providing a single best postal address derived from said input postal address based on said comparison; ~~and~~

matching said ~~a unique business identifier~~ DUNS number and said single best postal address to a

database having ~~unique business identifiers~~ DUNS numbers associated with postal

addresses, to find a matching postal address in said database; and

~~correcting for correction of~~ said input postal address based on said matching postal address.

21 - 27. (canceled)